

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

THE CAUCASIAN has received information that Skinner and the Republicans have fixed up a deal in the first district. A Republican is to be run for Senator, and a Republican for Representative. It seems that no one has been consulted in this deal but Skinner. We suppose he has agreed to do the Populist votes.

With Skinner for Congress and a Republican for Judge and a Republican for Solicitor would be practically a straight Republican ticket. Of course the few Populists that Skinner has in the first district will support this ticket on the other hand, it is equal to the honest masses of the Populist party in the district will be the life out of it.

The Populist convention of the first Congressional District has done well in nominating Mr. J. N. E. Brown. His record in Congress and his loyalty to the principles of the Populist party is a recommendation. The fact that he took a prominent part in the convention in favor of making a strong and honorable proposition to the Democrats for co-operation, which they refused, makes him a peculiarly strong candidate for winning the election in the campaign. His Democratic opponent will not be able to face him on the stump and defend the record of the railway lawyer convention. If the People's Party will nominate in every Congressional District such candidates as Mr. Fowler, our party will gain from ten to twenty thousand recruits in the present campaign.

A letter just received from a prominent Populist in Oregon says that the so-called middle-of-the-roads not only bolted the Populist ticket and put up a bolting ticket, but they went further, and on the day of election instead of voting for their bolting ticket, voted the Republican ticket. We had suspected as much. There is abundant evidence in many quarters of the country that a number of the leaders of the so-called middle-of-the-road movement are simply adjuncts of the Republican party. There are many honest men who are middle-of-the-roads from conviction, but in nine cases out of ten they are following paid agents of the Republican party.

The disorganizers who have bolted the People's Party, and called their rump convention for Cincinnati, September 5th, have been so discouraged at the smallness of their following that they now announce that they may postpone a nomination, if their convention is laid bare. If they can produce a split in the party large enough to be damaging, then they will have something valuable to trade on; but, of course, if their bolting element is small, then the gold-bug and monopolists would not think it worth while to put up money to run a side-show that could be of no benefit to them. The conservative middle-of-the-road Populists, everywhere, are repudiating this crazy and criminal scheme.

It was Senator Harris, a Populist Senator from Kansas, who led the fight as a member of the Senate Committee on Nicaragua Canal, to have a bill reported providing for the construction and control of the Canal by the United States Government. The position of Senator Harris was in line with the principles of the People's Party and every principle of good government. He is to be congratulated upon his success in so important a matter. The Canal ought to be built right away. It will cost less to build it than we pay out in pensions in one year; and when the Canal is built again, it does not have to be built again.

We notice that the big monopoly newspapers are advertising considerably "the call for the Populist National Convention." They are careful not to explain that this call was made by an insignificant number of bolters from the regular organization. This kind of advertising that they want for the monopoly press, and will get all the campaign boodle that they will need and can use from the gold-bug campaign fund.

The Hawaiian question annexation is still under discussion in the Senate until that is disposed of the date of adjournment of Congress will remain in doubt.

The Measles Kind of Plutocrat.

The word "plutocrat" does not necessarily mean a rich man. It is a strange fact that a vast majority of plutocrats are poor men—financially at least. They are rich in power, and as morally poor as the most genuine of Democrats. A plutocrat is one who looks upon wealth as a warrant of respectability and with authority, and of government of, by and for the rich. The toadies to wealth, the caterers to monopoly government, and the blind, unthinking partisan who votes and works to the party with a record adverse to the popular interest as the meanest, most contemptible and most dangerous plutocrat, though not worth a dollar.

Blood-purifiers, though gradual, are radical in their effect. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is intended as a medicine only and not a stimulant, excitant, or beverage. Immediate results may not always follow its use; but after a reasonable time, permanent benefit is certain to be realized.

CLARK KILGO CONTROVERSY.

Mr. Southgate, President of Board of Trustees Writes to Judge Clark

CORRESPONDENCE GIVEN.

The Board's Action Not Given out—Mr. Southgate Claims That Judge Clark had Notice That the Matter Would Come up Before the Meeting of the Trustees.

DURHAM, N. C., June 29.—Mr. James H. Southgate to-day sent the following letter to Hon. Walter Judge Clark, Raleigh, N. C. Judge Clark is President of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Southgate is President of the Board. Dr. Kilgo has made no reply, and it is probable that Mr. Southgate's letter will close the incident. The letter is as follows:

DURHAM, N. C., June 29, 1898. JUDGE CLARK: In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., you will recall being present at the June, 1897, meeting of the trustees when the President's report was referred to a subcommittee consisting of yourself, Judge McMonery and Dr. Swinledge. The first recommendation in this report was: "That the law which requires the election of the faculty every year be so changed as to elect them not often than every four years, if, indeed, any time should be fixed other than the faithful discharge of duty. This should not refer to the election of a new member of the faculty. He should always be put on probation till he proves his fitness for a permanent election." When I wrote you in my first letter, I did not understand that it was usual for such conversation to be repeated. In that conversation I did not use the language you state. But if you are curious to know what passed in a private conversation between two members of your board let Mr. Brown state it, if he wishes, what it was. If it differs from my recollection in any way I will point it out, and then you will be in possession of a private conversation and my personal views as fully as it will be possible for you to get the information.

When I wrote you in my first letter that what I had said was misconceived, and when you discovered that that what was said was not publicly but in a private conversation between two trustees, whose privilege it is to discuss the management of the college in the fullest freedom and confidence, I should have thought you would have seen the propriety of letting the matter stand. But if you wish to investigate private conversations between trustees, and Dr. Kilgo wishes to repeat to you, I shall give you frankly and fully what I said.

Most truly yours, (Signed) JNO. C. KILGO. You are at liberty to send a copy of this to Mr. Brown if you wish to pursue the matter. Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Judge Clark, Raleigh, N. C. Hon. Sir: Your last letter has been received. I confess a great degree of surprise at what you have to say in this letter as well as in your former letters. I do not think any of any impropriety in corresponding with you concerning this matter. I am quite capable of distinguishing between the business of the Trustees and an impeachment of a personal character. It is not the business of the Trustees to discuss the private life of a trustee, but to discuss the management of the college in the fullest freedom and confidence, in which all, including yourself, appeared to take an active, intelligent interest.

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Yours truly, (Signed) JNO. C. KILGO. RALEIGH, N. C., July 1, 1897. Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo.

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RALEIGH, N. C., July 7, 1897. REV. DR. JOHN C. KILGO.

DEAR SIR: Yours to hand. I wrote you directly in reply to your first letter that the person, whoever he was, who had received what I said, if you desire to know who it was, should state it, if you would say who alleged he had the conversation with me. It now turns out that Prof. Flowers told you that he heard that Rev. Mr. Jurney heard that some one of the trustees had said that he had said that I told Mr. Joseph G. Brown something like this. This is too much like the "three black crows." Mr. Brown and I are fellow trustees. As such I had a conversation with him. I did not understand that it was usual for such conversation to be repeated. In that conversation I did not use the language you state. But if you are curious to know what passed in a private conversation between two members of your board let Mr. Brown state it, if he wishes, what it was. If it differs from my recollection in any way I will point it out, and then you will be in possession of a private conversation and my personal views as fully as it will be possible for you to get the information.

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Two trustees had died during the year, one had moved to another Conference, one was infirm and could not come, another was out of the State; so that only a possibly thirty-one, there were twenty-five present.

When opportunity presented Dr. Kilgo arose to a question of personal privilege, the right enjoyed by every member of a deliberative body, stated his grievance, read the correspondence between himself and you, and on motion the said correspondence was referred to a committee of five worthy men, men who perhaps rank second to none in North Carolina in according to you, honor, respect and fraternal devotion, namely: Rev. G. A. Odell, J. A. Bishop, W. C. Willson, S. B. Tarrentine and Col. G. W. Flowers, which reference resulted not in a trial of yourself, as you seemed to think, but the investigation of statements that you had made concerning another, and if any one was on trial it was Dr. Kilgo. Neither of you appeared before the committee, which after a careful consideration of the correspondence, herein referred to, brought in a report to the Board of reaffirmation and a hearty endorsement of Dr. Kilgo and his administration with the pledge of continued support; a deprecation and condemnation of the uncharitable and unfair spirit manifested by you in your correspondence with and charges against him; a positive affirmation, in the light of ample evidence, that your charges against him as including himself to be elected as President of Trinity College for four years, which was to secure for himself "protection from removal for four years" were not only unsupported, but actually contradicted by facts, and the expression of the opinion that you ought to resign as a Trustee of the College.

These conclusions in the form of resolutions sent you by the Secretary, Mr. V. Ballard, were read, discussed and carried, there being only one dissenting vote. Three of the trustees are known to have been absent when this committee's report was adopted. One was sick, two others left the afternoon before and arrived too late to take part in the proceedings the following morning.

Your request for data, made of the Executive Committee through the Secretary, Mr. V. Ballard, was not granted for the reason that so far as you were concerned the case was considered closed until something else appeared. Your every complaint against Dr. Kilgo has been investigated with the result as far as you and to that you were referred.

Concerning the publicity given to the subject through the Charlotte Observer, and in which you find justification for publishing your letter in the paper, the following telegrams are submitted:

"DURHAM, N. C., June 27, 1898. Mr. J. P. Caldwell, Editor Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C.:

"Item in Saturday's issue of Observer concerning Trinity College and Judge Clark was not authorized by our Board. Kindly inform me by wire at whose instance or on whose information the item was based."

"J. H. SOUTHWATE, President, 'Trustees Trinity College,'

"CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 27, '98.

"Jas. H. Southgate, Secretary, Trinity College, Durham, N. C.:

"See above. I am not at all sure it is enough for me to say that item Clark's resignation asked was furnished without procurement or even knowledge of anybody connected with Trinity."

"J. P. CALDWELL, 'Editor Observer.'"

Respecting the question of jurisdiction: You will admit the right of a deliberative body to investigate charges against its members.

Second. You will admit the right of our Board to deal with Dr. Kilgo, an employee of the Board.

Third. By reference to Section 10 of the College charter you will find that no person can be elected a trustee by the Conference till he has first been recommended by a majority of the trustees at a regular meeting; and that the trustees shall have power to remove any member of this body, who may remove beyond the boundary of the State or who may refuse or neglect to discharge the duties of a trustee.

If a failure to respond to that part of your letter which refers to the political opinion, or to the professional business calling of any one or more members of the Board should cause you to think there is an unpardonable degree of weakness and infirmity and a species of tyranny in the way in which the institution manifest in the life of this beloved institution, let it go at that. The record fails to show where any one connected with it has suffered or been discounted for opinion's sake in matters of public policy. This record speaks for itself, no less than the meritorious work the institution is doing, and this after all, is and should be the standard by which it will be measured. So judged, it is not to succeed; it is pronounced a success. Already the pride of North Carolina Methodism is placing growth has attracted the admiring gaze of the church at large. It courts not honor nor popularity save as these may come through right thinking and right acting.

With assurances, if such be necessary, that such an institution may be depended upon to defend the character of the man who bears its standard before the people from the mountains to the sea against unjust and unwarranted attacks by whomsoever made.

Very truly yours, (Signed) J. H. SOUTHWATE, President Board Trustees Trinity College.

JUDGE CLARK'S REPLY.

In answer to the letter of Mr. Jas. H. Southgate, President of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College.

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SILVER FORCES MUST UNITE

TO OVERTHROW THE DOMINATION AND RULE OF THE RANSOM-CLEVELAND DEMOCRATS

In North Carolina—A Good Drubbing at the Next Election Will Annihilate This Combination—A Majority of the Rank and File of the Democratic Party in the State Desires Union of Reform Forces.

The following letter was written by Dr. J. J. Mott to Ira Phillips upon the issue of silver and his views on the failure and the late Democratic State convention to accept the proposition for co-operation of all silver forces to unite to elect a solid silver and anti-monopoly ticket for the next election. It is a strong and timely letter and we commend it to our readers.

Ira Phillips, Esq., Fall Creek, N. C. DEAR SIR: I got the letter you wrote me in May, and waited to reply. I am glad to hear that you are taking active action in organizing the silver forces in the State, and thus aid the silver men of other parties in their efforts to overthrow the domination of the Ransom-Cleveland Democrats, and sympathies of the great mass of the people.

The majority of Democrats in this position of the State would not join a union of the silver forces, but the railroad influence prevented the election of delegates who would stand up against the Ransom-Cleveland convention. Of course where a majority of a party submit to being led against their convictions, nothing can be done. It is a pity that party to carry out such convictions.

I see, therefore, nothing left for us but to join with any such forces as are combined to beat the influences that prevailed in this late Democratic convention. They were the gold standard influences that prevailed in the State. The State is carried under these influences, and the prestige will be so great in the State that North Carolina can no longer be counted in the silver column.

You and a large majority of the Republicans of your township, voted as you say for the silver candidates two years ago. Did the same thing myself. We proved that we were not in honest accord with its platform, and are not under gold influences.

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